Health survey of Gorakhpur Fertilizer Factory

657. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1596 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th September, 1991 and state:

(a) whether a detailed health survey of Gorakhpur fertilizer factory has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations; and

(c) whether Government have taken a decision to run this plant in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The detailed health survey report of Gorakhpur factory has not been received by the Government.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) No decision has been taken in view of the reply given in (a) and (b) above.

List of controlled drugs

658. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) how many drugs are there in the present list of controlled drugs;

(b) whether there is any proposal to exclude some more drugs from this list; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) At present there are 143 drugs under price control.

(b) and (c) The recommendations of the Standing Committee with regard to inclusion/exclusion of bulk drugs under price control are under consideration of the Government.

Deand for a public sector drug and medicine manufaceuring unit in M.P.

659. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand from the people of Madhya Pradesh and their representatives to establish a public sector drug and medicine manufacturing unit in the State; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. It has been suggested that Hindustan Antibiotics Limited, Pune, should set up an Unit in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) Hindustan Antibiotics Limited has no plans to set up such unit in any State in the near future.

Establishing DAP plant in Rajashtan

660. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that KRIBHCO has opted out of the race to set up Rs. 300 crore DAP (Di-ammonia phosphate) plant in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that after withdrawal of KRIBHCO a new promoter has been selected to establish the fertilizer unit; and

(d) if not, how long it would take to select the new promoter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) KRIBHCO have found that the DAP project in Rajasthan is not economically viable because of higher price of raw material/intermediates.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government will no longer select any promoter as fertilizer industry stands delicensed.

Drugs produced from basic Stages

661. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Drugs which are produced from Basic Stages have been kept under price control inspite of heavy investment;

(b) if so, names of those drugs;

(c) whether it is also a fact that bulk drugs produced from imported penultimates intermediates, imported formulations and formulations produced from imported bulk drugs are outside price control;

(d) what are the names of such drugs and formulations;

(e) whether it is a fact that this is the main cause of outgo of foreign exchange and for inflation; and

(f) if so, what steps have been taken to reverse the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) There are a number of such drugs included under price control as production from basic stages and heavy investment was not a criteria for exclusion.

(c) and (d) The number of bulk drugs under price control is 143. There are a number of other bulk drugs which are presently outside price control. Use of imported material in manufacture of bulk drug or formulation was not a criteria for inclusion of bulk drug under price control.

(e) and (f) For reducing the outgo of foreign exchange in import of drugs and formulations, indigenous production would need to be strengthened and suitable incentives would have to be given. This is being considered as part of the ongoing review of the Drug policy.

Shortage of bulk drugs and Branded formulations

662. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs and branded formulations for which shortages have been reported during 1990-91 and current year;

(b) what was the position about the shortage of these very branded during the last two years;

(c) what was the quantity of PAS and its salts, Thiacetazone Isoniazide Cetramide, Oxytocin, Ibuprofen Dapsone and Flofazimina sold by each of the producer to the non-associated formulators during the last two years and at what price;

(d) whether these drugs were sold directly by the producers or through their agents;

(e) names of the drugs sold through their distributors and agents;

(f) whether there has been shortage of any of these drugs in supply; and

(g) if so, names of those drugs and what steps have been taken to allow the imports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) & (b) Shortage reports in respect of bulk drugs and branded formulations are received from different State Drug Controllers from time to time and the concerned manufacturers are advised to rush stocks of the branded formulations to the areas of shortage though other brands of equal therapeutic value are usually available. The time and labour involved in compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) to (e) This is not monitored in this Ministry.